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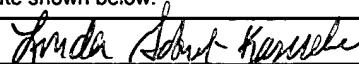
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**GROUP ART UNIT: 2875**

**EXAMINER: MARK TSIDULKO**

In re application of: Wade C.	)	
Patterson	)	
	)	
Application No: 10/727,369	)	For: LIQUID DISPENSING SYSTEM
	)	HAVING A LIGHT SOURCE
Filed: 12/04/2003	)	ATTACHED TO A LIQUID
	)	DISPENSING DEVICE
Attorney Docket No. 8223	)	
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**NOTE:** The "filing date of a national application" under 37 CFR 1.97(b) has two possible meanings. Where the filing is a direct one to the United States Patent & Trademark Office, the filing is defined in 37 CFR 1.53(b) as "the date on which: (1) A specification containing a description pursuant to § 1.71 and at least one claim pursuant to § 1.75; and (2) any drawing required by § 1.81(a).

*are filed in the Patent and Trademark Office in the name of the actual inventor or inventors as required by § 1.41." 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1). On the other hand, an international application that enters the national stage occurs when the applicant has filed the documents and fees required by 35 U.S.C. § 371(c) within the periods set forth in § 1.494 or § 1.495. 35 U.S.C. § 371(c) requires the filing of the following: (1) the national fee; (2) a copy of the international application, unless already sent by the International Bureau, and an English translation if filed in another language; (3) amendments under PCT Article 19, with a translation into English if made in another language; (4) an oath or declaration; and (5) a translation into English of any annexes to the International preliminary examination report, if such annexes were made in another language. 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2).*

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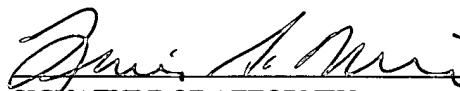
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In re application of: Wade C. Patterson	)	Group Art No.: 2875
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Serial No.: 10/727,369	)	Examiner: Mark Tsidulko
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Filed: 12/04/2003	)	Atty Docket No. 8223
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For: LIQUID DISPENSING SYSTEM	)	
HAVING A LIGHT SOURCE	)	
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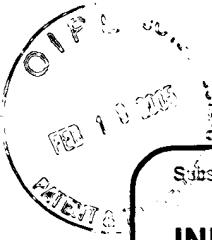
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